



Fair Biosecurity Recommendations

Non-animal Areas

- Prepare, serve, and consume food and drink only in non-animal areas.
- Provide hand-washing facilities near all food and drink areas.
- Provide signs encouraging proper procedures at all hand-washing stations.

Entrance/Exit Transition Areas

- Display signs notifying fair-goers they are entering an animal area and that guidelines are in place to help keep people and animals healthy.
- Inform public (through signs or fair staff) that eating, drinking, using bottles or pacifiers, and smoking are not allowed in animal areas because animal bacteria can be ingested through such activities.
- Provide a holding or storage area for strollers and related items.
- Provide signs and/or fair staff at exits of all animal areas encouraging proper hand-washing after animal contact.
- Provide adequate hand-washing facilities in easily accessible locations.

Animal Areas

- Post signs educating viewers of the risks associated with animal contact, along with the proper precautions to take.
- Encourage close supervision of children to prevent hand-to-mouth activities, contact with manure or other contaminants, and sitting or playing on the ground.
- Keep animal feed and water inaccessible to the public and other animals.
- Ensure that all animals are properly cared for (clean food and water, proper housing) and that there is adequate air flow and ventilation in all enclosures.
- Remove and dispose of animal waste promptly and securely in an area that is restricted from public access (and not in non-animal or transition areas).
- Store waste removal equipment (shovels and pitchforks) in designated areas that are restricted from public access.
- Promptly isolate any animals showing signs of illness, and contact a veterinarian.
- Restrict care of ill animals to designated individuals and isolate or remove animals from the fair premises as directed by a veterinarian.
- Ensure that persons caring for ill animals disinfect between animals, and care for healthy animals first before working with ill animals to prevent the spread of illness to healthy animals.

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